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 Hongkong, November 14, 1899. 2204

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 Hongkong, June 18, 1899. 1547

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 Capital Fully Subscribed £250,000.
 Capital Paid Up £150,000.
 Total Income from 1st January 1898 to 31st December 1898, £23,157,374.
 Total Annual Income, £202,589.

HARRY WICKING & Co., Agents.
 Hongkong, November 14, 1899. 2142

THE CHINESE MAIL.
 (Wah Tai Yat Po)
 This paper is now issued every day. The subscription is fixed at five dollars per annum delivered in Hongkong, or seven dollars forty cents in other parts of the world. It is the only Chinese newspaper which is published under purely native direction. The chief support of the paper is of course derived from the native community, amongst whom it is to be found in every household and in every office. It is the most reliable source of information from the various parts of China and Japan, from Australia, California, Singapore, Penang, Saigon, and other places frequented by the Chinese, and is therefore indispensable to all who are engaged in business and agriculture. The price of the paper is one dollar per annum, or six cents per copy. It is published by GEO. MURRAY BAIN, China Mail Office.

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Hongkong, January 18, 1896. 140

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NEWSPAPERS.

Newspapers sent to two ounces in weight are charged as double, i.e., as the case may be, but such papers or packets of papers may be sent at Book Rate. Two Newspapers must not be folded together as one, nor must anything whatever be inserted except bona fide Supplements of the same paper and the same date. Printed matter may, however, be enclosed, if the whole be paid at Book Rate. Prices Current may be paid either as Newspapers or Books.

COMMERCIAL PAPERS.

Commercial Papers signify such papers as, though written by hand, do not bear the character of an actual or personal correspondence, such as invoices, deeds, copied music, &c. The charge on them is the same as for books.

THE SENDER OF A REGISTERED ARTICLE FOR A UNION COUNTRY MAY OBTAIN AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DELIVERY ON PAYING AN EXTRA FEE OF 5 CENTS.

The limit of weight for Books and Commercial Papers to Foreign Post Offices is 4 lbs. Patterns for such offices are limited to 8 ounces except to Austria, Belgium, Bolivia, Bulgaria, Congo Free State, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Egypt, France, Greece, Guatemala, Hawaii, Hungary, Mexico, Italy, Japan, Liberia, Luxembourg, Malacca, Persia, Porto, Portugal, Roumania, Salvador, Serbia, Siam, Spain, Switzerland, Tunis, The Argentine Republic, The Dominican Republic, The Republic of Honduras, United States, to which places 12 oz. (350 grammes) is the limit, and must not exceed these dimensions: 12 inches by 8 inches by 4 inches.

Portage to the United Kingdom.

Letters, 10 cents per 4 oz.
 Post Cards, 4 cents each.
 Registration, 10 cents.
 Books, Patterns and 2 cents per 2 oz. Comm. Papers.

Portage to Union Countries.

General Rates, by air route:
 Letters, 10 cents per 4 oz.
 Post Cards, 4 cents each.
 Reply Post Cards, 8 cents each.
 Registration, 10 cents.
 Newspapers, 2 cents per 2 oz.
 Books, Patterns and 2 cents per 2 oz. Comm. Papers.
 There is no charge on registered correspondence within the Postal Union.

LOCAL POSTAGE.

The General Local Rates for Hongkong, China and Treaty Ports (excepted) are:
 Letters per 4 oz., 5 cents (4).
 Post Cards, each, 1 cent.
 Reply Post Cards, 2 cents each.
 Books and Patterns, per 2 oz., 2 cents.
 Newspapers and Printed Current, 2 cents per 2 oz.
 Registration, 5 cents.

(1) Between Hongkong, Canton, and Macao 2 cents.

Local Delivery.

1. All correspondence posted before 5 p.m. on any week-day for addresses in Victoria will be delivered the same day, in Town (Ship Street to Bonham Strand West, up to level of Robinson Road) at 8 a.m. 10 a.m., noon, 3 p.m., 4 p.m., 6 p.m. In the Suburbs, 8 a.m., noon, 3 p.m., unless the delivery should be required by the Contract Mails.

2. Residents who desire to send Circulars, Dividend Warrants, Invitations, Cards, &c., all of the same weight, to addresses in Hongkong, or the Ports of China, may deliver them to the Post Office unattended, the postage being then charged to the sender's account. Each batch must consist of at least ten.

3. Residents may also send Patterns to the same place in the same way. Envelopes containing Patterns may be wholly closed, if the nature of the contents be first exhibited or stated to the Postmaster General, as he may consider necessary, and approved by him. Printed Circulars may be inserted in such Pattern Packets.

The Post Office declines all responsibility for Unregistered Letters containing Bank Notes or Jewellery, and where registration has been neglected, will make no enquiries into alleged losses of such letters.

It is forbidden to insert in ordinary or Registered Correspondence (a) Current Coin (b) Articles liable to Customs Duty.

Parcel Post to the United Kingdom.

Parcels not exceeding 11 lbs. in weight are received in Hongkong and at British Post Offices in China, for transmission to the United Kingdom, by P. & O. Packet via Gibraltar. No parcels sent with the Overseas Mail via Brindisi. Parcels therefore arrive in London about eight days later than the Mail. Parcels may be sealed, but any parcel, even though sealed, is liable to be opened for examination.

Parcels must be posted in Hongkong before 8 p.m. on the day before the departure of the Mail. Parcels arriving from the Coast, &c., after this hour are kept for the following P. & O. Mail.

The Postage is 40 cents per lb., and 20 cents each subsequent lb. or fraction of a lb. which includes Registration fee, and must be prepaid in stamps. No further charge is made in the United Kingdom except for Customs duties. No parcel must be more than 3 feet 6 inches in length, or 6 feet in greatest length and girth combined. A receipt is given for each Parcel.

The sender must fill up a form of Customs Declaration, which can be obtained free at each Post Office. No parcel can be accepted unless this is completed and accurately filled. The only articles ordinarily sent from China which are liable to duty are Tea and Tobacco.

Dangerous or perishable goods, articles likely to injure the Mails, Liquids (unless securely packed) or parcels easily crushed, such as hand-boxes, are prohibited. No Parcel can be received if its value exceeds \$500.

The sender must fill up a form of Customs Declaration, which can be obtained free at each Post Office. No parcel can be accepted unless this is completed and accurately filled. The only articles ordinarily sent from China which are liable to duty are Tea and Tobacco.

With regard to inward Parcels, addressees are requested to observe that the Parcel Mail is not opened until the ordinary distribution of letters, &c., is finished. The postage on Parcels at home is 10d. per lb., the Regulations are generally similar to the above, and the Parcels are sent out via Gibraltar.

Indemnity for the Loss of a Registered Article.

The Post Office is not legally responsible for the safe delivery of Registered correspondence, but it is prepared to make good the contents of such correspondence, not while passing through the Post, to the extent of \$10, in certain cases, provided:—

1. That the sender duly observed all the conditions of Registration required.
 2. That the letter was securely enclosed in a reasonably strong envelope.
 3. That application was made to the Postmaster General of Hongkong immediately the loss was discovered, and within a year at the most from the date of Posting.
 4. That the Postmaster General is satisfied that the loss occurred whilst the correspondence was in the custody of the British Postal administration in China, that it was not caused by any fault on the part of the sender, by destruction by fire, or shipwreck, nor by the dishonesty or negligence of any person not in the employment of the Hongkong Post Office.

No compensation can be paid for mere damage to fragile articles such as portraits, watches, hand-baggage, books, &c., which reach their destination, although in a broken or deteriorated condition. Nor on account of alleged losses of the Contents of Registered covers which have reached their destinations. Nor on account of any article for which the addressee has signed a receipt.

Misnot or Delayed Correspondence.

When correspondence has been misnoted or delayed (both of which are liable to happen occasionally) all that the addressee need do is to note on the cover, Sent to _____, or Received at 7 p.m., or as the case may be, and forward it, without any other writing whatever, to the Postmaster General. This action should be taken the first time cause of complaint occurs; it is a mistake to let such matters pass for fear of giving trouble, a course which generally gives more trouble in the end.

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Statistics of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eleven Sections, commencing from Green Island. Vessels are numbered in the Hongkong charts as marked A, and placed in the body of the Shipping or midway between each shore are marked B, in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

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NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP SERVICE
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from Hongkong, via S. S. *Manila*, will be informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Tobacco, and Valuable, are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Shanghai Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignee before 11 a.m. To-day (Monday) the 21st inst., requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Underwriter.

Goods remaining unlanded after Monday, the 21st inst., at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All Claims must be sent in to me on or before Monday, the 21st inst., or they will not be recognized.

All Damaged Packages will be examined on Monday, the 21st inst., at 3 p.m. No claims will be considered after that date.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, November 21, 1898. 2119

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP SERVICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods per above Steamer have arrived per S. S. *Hakata* and are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Shanghai Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining unlanded after the 21st inst. will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 21st inst., or they will not be recognized.

All broken, damaged, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 21st inst., at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, November 16, 1898. 2122

FROM NEW YORK AND STRAITS.

THE S. S. *Manila*, Captain Voss, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Underwriter and to take immediate delivery of their goods from the Godowns.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 5 p.m. To-day.

Any Cargo pending for discharge will be landed into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Shanghai Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining unlanded after the 21st inst. will be subject to rent.

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No Fire Insurance has been effected.

SIEMSEN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, November 18, 1898. 2122

FROM MIDDLE BORO', LONDON AND STRAITS.

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ORINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND PORTS, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.

The Co's Steamship

Captain MAJAS, will be

despatched on WED-

NESDAY, the 24th inst., at 3 p.m.

The attention of Passengers is directed

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by this Steamer. First-class Saloon

is situated forward of the Engine.

A Refrigerating Chamber ensures the

supply of Fresh Provisions during the

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is on board, and the vessel is fitted through-

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N.B.—Return Tickets issued by this Com-

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for Return by the Steamers of the Eastern

and Australian S.S. Co., and vice versa.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

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Hongkong, November 16, 1898. 2125

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN STEAM-

SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR KOBE (DIRECT).

The Steamship

Captain KOCU, will be

despatched for the above

Port on THURSDAY, the 24th inst., at

Noon.

This well-known Steamer is specially fitted

for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating

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Hongkong, November 16, 1898. 2125

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION

COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND

CALCUTTA.

The Co's Steamship

Captain DAVIES, will be

despatched for the above

Ports on THURSDAY, the 24th inst., at

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For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, November 17, 1898. 2129

INDO-CHINA STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SANDAKAN AND KUDAT.

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Hongkong, November 21, 1898. 2222

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Steamship

Captain FRANKS, will be

despatched for the above

Port on SUNDAY, the 27th inst., at

Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

Agents.

Hongkong, November 17, 1898. 2168

ORINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

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The Co's Steamship

Captain OUTERBRIDGE, will be

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BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

Shipping.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR NEW YORK.

The S.S. *A. J. American Ship*

Captain ADAMS, having arrived

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For Freight apply to

ARNOLD, KARBURG & Co.

Hongkong, November 8, 1898. 2118

FOR NEW YORK.

The S.S. *A. J. American Ship*

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will load for above Port and

will have quick despatch.

For Freight apply to

ARNOLD, KARBURG & Co.

Hongkong, November 1, 1898. 2180

MAILS.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

TO SAN FRANCISCO, VIA INLAND

SEA OF JAPAN & HONOLULU.

Proposed Sailings from Hongkong.

Nippon Maru (via

Shanghai, Nagasaki,

Kobe, Inland Sea, Yo-

kohama & Honolulu)

Thursday, Dec. 15, 1898.

Saitoh Maru (via

Shanghai, Nagasaki,

Kobe, Inland Sea, Yo-

kohama & Honolulu)

Saturday, Jan. 14, 1899.

Zoukai Maru (via

Shanghai, Nagasaki,

Kobe, Inland Sea, Yo-

kohama & Honolulu)

Tuesday, Feb. 7, 1899.

This Steamer NIPPON MARU will

be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO,

via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE,

INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA, and HONO-

LULU, on THURSDAY, the 15th Decem-

ber, 1898, at Noon, taking Freight and

Passenger cargo for Japan, the United States,

and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the

INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at

HONOLULU, and Passengers are allowed

to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Bills of Lading are granted to

Europe, France, and Germany by all trans-

Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the prin-

cipal cities of the United States or Canada.

Rates may be obtained on applica-

tion.

Passengers holding orders for OVER-

LAND CITIES in the United States have

between San Francisco and Chicago, the

option of the Southern Pacific Central

Pacific, Union Pacific, Denver and

Rio Grande, and Northern Pacific Rail-

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